



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

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Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/01/02-10/16/02), received
10/25/02

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

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Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2002 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 11(b), 11(d), and 12, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Office supplies," "Consulting OFFICE SUPPLIES," "Consulting CASUAL LABOR," and "Consulting CAMPAIGN EXPENSES." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(b) discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for "Lawn Signs." Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

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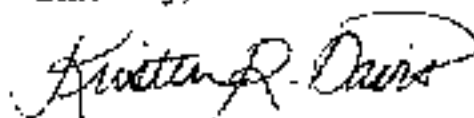
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Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Kristen R. Davis
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

 Use separate schedule(s)
 or each category of the
 Detailed Summary Page

 FOR LINE NUMBER:
 (check only one)

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Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Maine Republican Party

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Mr. & Mrs. John C. Bridge

Mailing Address

10 Vilas Street

City

State

Zip Code

Augusta

ME

04330-5347

Date of Receipt

M	N	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	0			0	2		

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

200.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer
Requested employer information

Occupation

Information Requested

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Primary

General

Other (specify) ▼

200.00

Receipt

Transaction ID: 1008200239C59681200

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B. Mr. Charles W. Lathrop, Jr.

Mailing Address

20 Clearwater Drive

City

State

Zip Code

Spartanburg

ME

04074

Date of Receipt

M	N	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	0			0	2		

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

10000.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer
Advantage Payroll

Occupation

owner

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Primary

General

Other (specify) ▼

10000.00

Receipt

Transaction ID: 1008200239C59671200

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C. Mr. Nathan Tuttle

Mailing Address

RR 2 Box 6150

City

State

Zip Code

Gardner

ME

04345

Date of Receipt

M	N	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	0			0	4		

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

500.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer
Tuttle Antiques

Occupation

Antique Dealer

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Primary

General

Other (specify) ▼

500.00

Receipt

Transaction ID: 1008200239C59781214

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

10700.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

14910.00

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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 for each category of the
 Detailed Summary Page

 FOR LINE NUMBER:
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Maine Republican Party

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Raya For Congress

Date of Disbursement

M A D Y
10 08 2002

Mailing Address

PO Box 1776

City

Bangor

State

ME

Zip Code

04402-1776

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

5000.00

Purpose of Disbursement

CONTRIBUTION TO CANDIDATE

Candidate Name

Category/
TypeMaine Primary 6/11/02
CONTRIBUTION TO CANDIDATE

Office Sought:

House

Senate

President

Disbursement For:

2002

X Primary

General

Other (specify) *

State:

District:

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B.

C.

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

5000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

5000.00

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